the plan on stretches, which have been identified under NHDP during this period of sanctioning the works by NHAI; and

(b) if so, then who would be responsible for poor maintenance of roads during this period, NHAI or his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Improvements are done as per the requirements, on the stretches identified under National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

(b) National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy conditions by Ministry, through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)/State PWDs/Border Roads Organisation, as the case may be, till the stretch is taken over by contractor/concessionaire.

Setting up of shipyards

2280. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up shipyards in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including speciality of such shipyards, if any, and the present status of the above proposal, as on today;

(c) if so, the details thereof of the States that had submitted proposals and the status of the proposals submitted, as on today;

(d) if so, the nodal agencies appointed for the same and the details of steps taken by the nodal agency for identifying the locations and appointing consultants, if any, for the above; and

(e) the details of the parameters considered for final selection of the location for setting up the proposed shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPIN, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) There is a proposal for setting up two international size shipyards, one on the East Coast and another on the West Coast of India.

(b) to (d) an international size shipyard may build and repair ships upto the size of Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) which has a carrying capacity of 300,000 Tonnes (DWT). The shipyard may be located in a place which has 10-12 metres water depth at the jetty. The international size shipyard may have at least two and preferably three big dry docks (2 for building and 1 for repair), a quay side length of at least 2.5 kms. and various support facilities for building and assembly of ships.

Maritime States were requested by this Ministry to identify suitable location for setting up of international size shipyards, one each on the East Coast and West Coast of India respectively. In response, the following locations have been suggested by the Maritime States:

Sl. No.	Name of State	Site Proposed/Response of the State Government
1.	Government of Karnataka	Tadri Port (Kundle Beach) and Honne Beach under Belekeri Port
2.	Government of Kerala	Poovar in Thiruvananthapuram District on Kerala-Tamil Nadu Border
3.	Government of Orissa	(i) Nuagarh (Astaranga) Distt. Puri (ii) Palur, Distt. Ganjam (iii) Gopalpur Port at Arjipalli, Chatrapur, Distt. Ganjam (iv) Bahuda Muhana (Sonepur), Distt. Ganjam
4.	Government of Andhra Pradesh	Vodarevu in Prakasam District
5.	Government of West Bengal	No specific site proposed as yet.
6.	Government of Gujarat	Government of Gujarat has proposed a few stretches such as Salaya, Jodiya, Mundra, Chanch and Pipavav and Tuna.

Upon receipt of the proposals from the State Governments, further information/ clarifications have been sought by the Ministry from the respective State Governments.

The nodal agencies *viz.* Ennore Port Limited and Mumbai Port Trust have been authorized to appoint Consultants with clear terms of reference who *inter alia*, would identify 3 or 4 alternative sites each for setting up of shipyard on West Coast and East Coast of India respectively and also suggest optimal locations with detailed justification. The process for appointment of Consultants has been initiated by the nodal agencies.

(e) The following basic requirements are preferable for setting up of an international size shipyard:

(i) The minimum land requirement of 1000-1500 acres and waterfront of about 2.5 Kms. in length;

(ii) Water draft of 10 to 12 metres;

(iii) The site location for the proposed shipyards to have good rail and road connnectivity;

(iv) Contiguity to a major Port situated within the State.

Development of major ports

2281. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the major and minor ports in India;

(b) the rank among the major ports in terms of infrastructure, activities, performance, productivity and profitability;

(c) the major developments undertaken in major ports in the last three years and the proposals to be undertaken in future; and